

Public Law 95-265
95th Congress

An Act

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public and acquired lands in the State of Nevada to the county of Mineral, Nevada.

Apr. 24, 1978
[H.R. 4979]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of the Interior, hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary", shall issue to the county of Mineral, State of Nevada, a patent or other instrument of conveyance for the land owned by the United States and comprising approximately two thousand six hundred and twenty acres described in this section, or any portion thereof, upon payment into the Treasury of the United States the appraised value of the parcel to be conveyed, plus the costs of appraisal, surveys and extinguishing adverse claims: *Provided*, That any of the land described in this section which remains unconveyed to the county of Mineral on and after five years from the date of approval of this Act shall no longer be subject to conveyance under this Act.

Mineral, Nev.
Land conveyance.

(b) The following described lands situated in the State of Nevada are hereby made subject to this Act:

(1) The west half of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 8 north, range 30 east; the part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 26, township 8 north, range 30 east, that is north of the highway 95 right-of-way.

(2) The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the east half of the east half of section 25, township 8 north, range 29 east; all of sections 29 and 30, township 8 north, range 30 east; the north half of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 7 north, range 30 east.

(3) The part of section 21, township 7 north, range 30 east, that is west of Nevada State Highway Route 31; the north half of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28, township 7 north, range 30 east; the part of the northeast quarter of section 28, township 7 north, range 30 east, that is west of Nevada State Highway Route 31; the part of section 27, township 7 north, range 30 east, that is west of Nevada State Highway Route 31; the east half of the northwest quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section 34, township 7 north, range 30 east; the part of the northeast quarter of section 34, township 7 north, range 30 east, that is west of Nevada State Highway Route 31; the part of section 35, township 7 north, range 30 east, that is west of Nevada State Highway Route 31.

SEC. 2. Upon receipt of a request from the county of Mineral, State of Nevada, for the purchase of a tract of the lands described in section 1, the Secretary shall immediately cause the same to be appraised and, upon completion of such appraisal, shall notify the county of Mineral of the appraised value of such tract and the county shall have six months from the date of such notice to complete the purchase of such tract by payment of the appraised value into the Treasury of the United States whereupon the Secretary shall issue a patent or other instrument conveying such tract to such county. Any such patent or

other instrument of conveyance shall be subject to valid existing rights and easements of record; and shall contain any reservation necessary to protect the continuing uses by the United States of real property owned by the United States that is adjacent to the tract conveyed. In addition, conveyance of section 29, township 8 north, range 30 east, shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of section 209 of the said Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2757; 43 U.S.C. 1719).

SEC. 3. All moneys received from the conveyance of lands under the terms of this Act shall be disposed of in the same manner as moneys received from the sale of public lands, except that moneys received as reimbursement for costs of appraisal, surveys, and extinguishing adverse claims may be used by the Secretary for said purposes without appropriation.

SEC. 4. Subject to valid existing rights on the effective date of this Act, the lands described in section 1 which are subject to conveyance pursuant to this Act are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws. Such withdrawal shall terminate automatically with respect to a particular tract upon conveyance of that tract pursuant to this Act. Such withdrawal shall terminate upon publication of an order in the Federal Register by the Secretary no sooner than five years from the effective date of this Act, with respect to any lands or interest remaining in the United States at the conclusion of such five-year period.

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